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IWRB MAKES LOANS, GRANTS, DESIGNATES NEW CHAIRMAN

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The Idaho Water Resource Board today approved five water project loans and grants totaling nearly \$375,000 plus selected a Rexburg man as its new Board chairman during its regular meeting in Boise, Board officials announced.

Jerry Rigby was named Chairman of the Board. He replaces Joe Jordan of Fruitvale. Terry Uhling of Boise was named as Board vice chairman and Dick Wyatt was named to remain as Board secretary.

The Board also approved the following financial requests:

- A grant of \$7,500 for the Boise City Canal Company for a feasibility study in preparation for a canal system rehabilitation project;
- A loan of \$10,000 for the Harpster Water District (Idaho County Northeast of Grangeville) for a water system improvement project planning study;
- A loan of \$30,000 for the Capitol View Irrigation District (Ada County North of Eagle) to reconstruct a pumping plant;
- A request to increase by \$25,000 an existing loan to the Jefferson Irrigation Company; and
- A loan of \$300,000 to the North Snake Ground Water District for construction of a mitigation project in the Hagerman Valley.

Rigby was first appointed to the Board in 1995. He had been serving as Vice Chairman of the Board. Jordan was first appointed to the Board in 1993 and had served as Board Chairman since September 2000.

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